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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 02-Jan-04

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)	ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			
	<u>Actual Slaughter</u>	<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Price</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>
12-29	2,331	5.58	61-74	65.75	8,779
12-30	2,296	5.62	62-78	66.32	9,411
12-31	1,491	5.29	61-76	67.19	7,619
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01-02	3,442	5.68	61-75	65.94	5,756
Weekly	9,561	5.58	Cumulative:	66.30	31,565

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, week of 05-Jan-04

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	64.04	62.57	59.68
Chicago	59.75	59.29	56.44
Detroit	59.57	60.50	54.83
Los Angeles	72.08	71.92	66.16
Composite Weighted Average	65.75	65.57	61.08

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 02-Jan-04

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	145.80	2,439,288
Tenderloins	144.99	353,950
Breast - With Ribs	78.18	717,540
Breast - Line Run	73.24	381,720
Legs	37.25	1,082,920
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	29.64	1,465,072
Drumsticks	38.78	493,626
Thighs	40.25	258,860
B/S Thighs	88.46	301,400
Wings (Whole)	100.23	521,100

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 27-Dec-03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>10-Weeks Prior</u>	<u>7-Weeks Prior</u>
Eggs Set	205,370	206,340	201,018	187,654	201,007
Chicks Placed	167,849	170,156	162,414	160,277	153,838

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 27-DEC-03

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	113,075	154,431	107,976
Average Live Weight	5.22	5.34	5.10
To Date 2003 (000)	7,932,277	7,819,202	-----
To Date 2002 (000)	7,986,625	7,878,649	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on **November 30, 2003** were down 21% from last month and 18% below last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 3% from last month and down 27% from last year's level. Total pounds of turkey in freezers decreased 39% from last month but were 6% above last year.

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